



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.6
Soil moisture supplies: 20% very short, 41% short, 33% adequate and 6% surplus

Field Crops Report

Early in the week many crops were suffering from drought conditions, and producers were irrigating earlier than planned due to lack of moisture in the soil. Weekend rains provided relief for crops over much of the state with some crops already showing visible signs of improvement. Some rice producers irrigated with salty water and halted rice planting. Emerged sorghum increased to 83 percent, six points ahead of the five-year average. Soybean planting was 58 percent, 11 points behind the five-year average. Soybeans were 48 percent emerged, nine points behind the five-year average. Sweet potato planting reached 14 percent, nine points ahead of the five-year average. Winter wheat turning color increased considerably, reaching 95 percent, two points ahead of the five-year average. Producers began to harvest winter wheat. Sugarcane growth was still slow due to dry conditions.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers were harvesting and selling greenhouse tomatoes, strawberries, green beans, squash, potatoes, and cucumbers. Producers sprayed as needed to control insects and diseases. Citrus trees continued to drop a lot of fruit.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay harvest was the only operation that was not adversely affected by the drought. Dry conditions began to take a toll on livestock. Pastures began showing signs of improvement from much needed weekend rains. Cattle producers continued to work calves and breeding season was in full swing. Crawfish farmers were still catching crawfish but planned to drain ponds.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	99	98	99	98
Cotton	Planted	75	65	85	86
	Emerged	66	42	68	70
Hay	First cutting	50	44	32	36
Rice	Planted	98	96	95	96
	Emerged	92	89	86	90
Sorghum	Planted	94	91	91	91
	Emerged	83	60	58	77
Soybeans	Planted	58	52	70	69
	Emerged	48	37	56	57
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	14	6	0	5
Winter Wheat	Headed	100	99	100	100
	Turning Color	95	71	94	93
	Harvested	2	0	6	11

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	1	16	32	46	5
Cotton	1	2	49	42	6
Rice	0	3	31	52	14
Sorghum	0	20	51	29	0
Sugarcane	5	16	51	21	7
Winter Wheat	1	13	50	35	1
Livestock	2	9	44	41	4
Vegetables	4	12	44	36	4
Pasture	7	20	40	28	5

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/10/10 TO 05/16/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	92	55	76	72	0.72	3.29	13.82	20.72
Minden	91	51	75	71	0.51	1.12	13.02	22.90
Mooringsport	90	(50)	74	MM	1.14	1.64	13.52	18.30
Extreme/Average	92	50	75	71	0.79	2.02	13.45	21.17
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	91	54	75	72	0.40	1.36	11.52	23.84
Homer/Hill Farm	89	51	73	70	0.29	2.63	16.83	22.96
ULM-Monroe	91	56	76	72	1.39	3.39	14.72	25.41
Columbia Lock	92	53	75	MM	1.20	1.95	11.25	26.13
Extreme/Average	92	51	75	72	0.82	2.33	13.58	24.07
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	87	56	73	71	0.15	3.16	13.05	26.62
LSU-St Joseph	91	61	77	73	0.10	0.89	16.07	25.91
LSU-Winnsboro	92	61	78	72	0.33	0.78	11.45	25.15
Tallulah	89	60	75	72	1.10	3.00	14.33	26.00
Extreme/Average	92	56	76	72	0.42	1.96	13.73	25.83
4. West-Central								
Leesville	91	62	77	72	0.64	1.08	12.52	22.88
LSU-Rosepine	MM	MM	MM	72	M.MM	1.18	13.66	22.60
Natchitoches	(93)	60	77	72	0.52	1.37	12.57	22.91
Extreme/Average	93	60	77	72	0.58	1.23	12.52	22.75
5. Central								
Alexandria	92	60	78	73	0.41	0.74	13.83	24.38
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	73	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	25.00
Bunkie	91	62	78	74	1.45	1.96	17.81	25.88
LSU-Alexandria	92	61	78	73	0.52	0.84	14.78	23.41
Extreme/Average	92	60	78	74	0.79	1.18	15.47	24.60
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	87	58	76	MM	0.23	2.04	16.19	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	91	59	78	74	4.01	4.22	15.00	23.81
Amite	90	59	77	72	1.57	3.44	17.30	27.68
LSU-Hammond	87	57	76	73	0.61	2.90	13.89	25.82
Slidell	85	61	77	74	0.22	4.18	19.86	25.20
Extreme/Average	91	57	77	74	1.33	3.36	16.45	26.18
7. Southwest								
Deridder	90	62	77	73	1.02	2.58	17.35	22.97
Jennings	89	63	77	74	2.53	3.27	13.75	21.16
LSU-Crowley	89	64	78	75	2.12	2.48	11.38	22.07
Extreme/Average	90	62	77	74	1.89	2.78	14.16	21.42
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	91	58	77	74	1.75	2.00	14.24	23.10
LSU-Jeanerette	90	63	79	74	1.58	2.21	12.71	21.06
Morgan City	87	62	77	74	0.42	0.53	9.20	21.80
Extreme/Average	91	58	77	75	1.25	1.58	12.05	22.04
9. Southeast								
Galliano	85	61	78	75	0.01	1.30	17.30	23.30
Houma	MM	MM	MM	75	M.MM	0.48	12.46	22.10
Terrytown 3S	86	63	77	MM	2.75	5.77	19.43	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	74	0.00	5.45	6.45	25.15
Extreme/Average	86	61	78	75	1.38	3.54	18.37	23.50
State								
State Averages	93	50	77	73	1.08	2.28	14.70	23.56

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through May 16, 2010

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